

Preliminary Amendment

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Title: METHOD FOR DETERMINING A SYSTEM OPERATING STATE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This Utility Patent Application claims priority to German Patent Application No. DE 103 11 903.5, filed on March 17, 2003, and German Patent Application No. DE 103 25 746.2, filed on June 6, 2003, which ~~are~~is both herein incorporated ~~herein~~ by reference.